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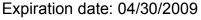
Visitor Services Project

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park

Visitor Study



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Horseshoe Bend National Military Park 11288 Horseshoe Bend Rd. Daviston, AL 36256

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Dear Visitor:

Thank you for participating in this important study. Our goal is to learn about the expectations, opinions, and interests of visitors to Horseshoe Bend National Military Park. This information will assist us in our efforts to better manage this park and to serve you, our visitor.

This questionnaire is only being given to a select number of visitors, so your participation is very important! It should only take about 20 minutes after your visit to complete.

When your visit is over, please complete this questionnaire. Seal it with the stickers provided on the last page and drop it in any U.S. mailbox.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Littlejohn, NPS VSP Coordinator, Park Studies Unit, College of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 441139, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844-1139, phone: 208-885-7863, email: littlej@uidaho.edu.

We appreciate your help.

Mariane Mills

Sincerely,

Marianne M. Mills Superintendent

This visitor study is partially funded by Recreation Fee Program funding.

DIRECTIONS

At the end of your visit:

- 1) Please have the selected individual complete this questionnaire.
- 2) Answer the questions carefully since each question is different.
- 3) For questions that use circles (O), please mark your answer by filling in the circle with black or blue ink, or a pencil with dark (e.g. #2) lead.

Like this:



Not like this: (

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- 4) Seal it with the stickers provided.
- 5) Drop it in a U.S. mailbox.

Thank you!

PRIVACY ACT and PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT statement:

16 U.S.C. 1a-7 authorizes collection of this information. This information will be used by park managers to better serve the public. Response to this request is voluntary. No action may be taken against you for refusing to supply the information requested. Your name is requested for follow-up mailing purposes only. When analysis of the questionnaire is completed, all name and address files will be destroyed. Thus the permanent data will be anonymous. Please do not put your name or that of any member of your personal group on the questionnaire. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Burden estimate statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 20 minutes per response. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to Margaret Littlejohn, NPS Visitor Services Project, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho, P.O. Box 441139, Moscow, ID, 83844-1139; email: littlej@uidaho.edu.

Your Visit To Horseshoe Bend National Military Park

NOTE: In this questionnaire, your **personal group** is defined as anyone that you are visiting the park with, such as spouse, family, friends, etc. This does not include the larger group that you might be traveling with, such as school, church, scouts, or tour group.

- a) Prior to your visit, how did you and your personal group get information about Horseshoe Bend National Military Park (NMP)? Please mark (●) all that apply in column (a).
 - b) If you were to visit Horseshoe Bend NMP in the future, how would you and your personal group prefer to obtain information about the park? Please mark (•) all that apply in column (b).

<u>a) Prio</u>	<u>r to this visit (●)</u>	<u>b) Prior to future visits (●)</u>
Ο	Obtained no information prior to visit → Go to	part b of this question
0	E-mail/telephone/written inquiry to park	0
0	Friends/relatives/word of mouth	0
0	Maps/brochures	0
0	Newspaper/magazine articles	0
0	Previous visits	0
0	Park website: www.nps.gov/hobe/	0
0	Other websites	0
0	School class/educational program	0
0	State tourism website	0
0	State welcome center	0
0	Television/radio programs/videos	0
0	Travel guides/tour books (such as AAA, etc.)	0
0	Other historical parks/sites (Please specify below	w) O
This vi	sit Future visit _	
Ο	Other (Please specify below)	0
This vi	sit Future visit	

		n the sources marked above of information about the p				ersonal	group	receive the
	0	Yes	0	No				
	,	O, what type of park inform not available? Please be s		•	nd your	person	al gro	up need that
2.		o this visit, were you and NMP is a unit of National P			roup av	ware tha	at Hor	seshoe
	0	Yes	0	No				
3.		s visit, were the signs direc NMP adequate? Please ma	• •	•	•	_	up to	Horseshoe
а) Signs (on interstates	0	Yes	Ο	No	0	Did not use
b) Signs (on state highways	Ο	Yes	Ο	No	0	Did not use
С) City str	reet signs in communities	0	Yes	Ο	No	Ο	Did not use
d) If you a	answered NO for any of the	e above	, please	explair	٦.		
4.		s visit to Horseshoe Bend N visit? Please mark (●) all t		•	sites (did you	and y	our personal
	0	Battlefield/Barricade site)		Ο	Rive	r acce	SS
	0	Battlefield overlook			Ο	Toho	peka	Village site
	0	Nature trail			Ο	Visito	or cen	ter
	0	Picnic areas						
	0	Other (Please specify) _						
5.		s visit to Horseshoe Bend Novisiting the park? List parti		_	-	-	•	sonal group
		Number of hours, if less the	han 24	hours (i.	.e. ¼ hr	, 1 ½ hrs	s, 5 ¾ l	nrs)
		Number of days, if 24 hou	rs or m	nore (i.e.	1 ¼ da	y, 2 ½ da	ays, 3	³∕₄ days)

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6.	a)	resourestor	me national park ununder prescribed worce management or ration of native vegos material that coupeshoe Bend NMP,	eather a objectives etation, a ld cause	nd burning co s, such as red and removal c a catastrophi	nditions to me uction of non- of unnatural lev c fire. Prior to	et specific native plants, vels of woody or this visit to
		Ο	Yes	Ο	No		
	b)	would		olerate s	hort periods (up to 2 days) o	d NMP in the future, of occasional smoke
		Ο	Yes, likely	Ο	No, unlikely	Ο	Not sure
	c)	would	and your personal you be willing to t prescribed burns?				d NMP in the future, or trees resulting
		0	Yes, likely	Ο	No, unlikely	0	Not sure
7.			nark (●) all places and your personal			miles of Horse	eshoe Bend NMP)
	a)		umn (a), please made on past trips to t		II places that y	you and your p	personal group
	b)		umn (b), please made on this trip to Ho			you and your p	personal group
	c)		umn (c), please ma				personal group
					a) Past trips	b) This trip	c) Future trips
(Che	aha St	tate Park		0	0	Ο
F	ort	Mims			Ο	Ο	Ο
ŀ	Fort		use – Fort Jackson e Historic Site	l	0	0	Ο
,	Jule		s Smith Museum o ourn University)	f Fine Ar	t O	0	Ο
١	Willi	am We	eatherford Monume	ent	0	Ο	0
١	Win	d Cree	ek State Park		0	Ο	Ο
(Othe	er (Ple	ase specify below)		0	Ο	Ο
_		Pa	ast trips	Thi	is trip	Fut	ure trips

8. On this visit to Horseshoe Bend NMP, please indicate how the following items affected your park experience. Please mark (●) **one** answer for each item.

Item	Added to	No effect	Detracted from	Did not experience
Large tour or school group	0	O	0	О
Manicured grounds	0	Ο	Ο	0
Other people's pets	0	Ο	0	0
Sound of motorboats on the river	0	Ο	0	O
Sound of overflights	0	Ο	Ο	Ο
Traffic on Highway 49	0	0	Ο	Ο
Traffic on tour road	0	0	Ο	Ο

- 9. a) During this visit to Horseshoe Bend NMP, did you and your personal group learn about the following topics? Please mark (●) Yes or No for each topic.
 - b) If you were to visit Horseshoe Bend NMP in the future, please mark (●) all topics that you and your personal group would be interested in learning about.

a) Learned on this visit? b) Future Interest?

Topic	(●) Yes	(•) No	(●) Yes	(•) No
Creek Indian culture previous to the battle	0	Ο	0	Ο
Events of the battle	0	0	0	0
Impact of battle on American history	0	0	Ο	Ο
Impact of battle on Andrew Jackson's career	0	Ο	Ο	Ο
Impact of battle on Creek Indian history	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
Natural setting when events occurred	0	0	Ο	Ο

c) Please list any additional topics you and your personal group are interested in learning about on a future visit to Horseshoe Bend NMP.

d) In your opinion, which stories presented at Horseshoe Bend NMP need to be emphasized or strengthened?

10.	a)	As you were planning your trip, what activities did you expect to include on this visit? Please mark (●) al l that	, ,
	b)	On this visit, what activities did you and your personal within Horseshoe Bend NMP? Please mark (●) all that	•
	<u>a) </u>	activities expected (●) b) Activ	ities on this visit (●)
	0	Attending ranger-led talks	Ο
	Ο	Attending special events	0
	0	Birdwatching/nature study	0
	Ο	Boating	Ο
	0	Conducting genealogical research	0
	Ο	Fishing	Ο
	Ο	Learning about American Indian history	Ο
	Ο	Learning about the War of 1812	Ο
	0	Painting/drawing/taking photographs	0
	0	Picnicking	0
	0	Shopping in visitor center bookstore	0
	0	Taking the auto tour	0
	Ο	Walking on trail	Ο
	0	Other (Please specify below)	0
Ехр	ecte	d Participated in	
	c)	Which one of the above activities was the primary rea personal group visited Horseshoe Bend NMP on this v	•
11.	a)	On this trip, did you and your personal group visit Horsduring the anniversary of the battle weekend (March 2	
	(Yes O No → Go to Questi	on 12

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b))		S, which special event activities of pate in? Please mark (●) all that				al group)
c))	anniversary of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, please rate their quality.						'.
		Very c) What quality?						
	b) Activity poor Poor Average Good							good
Ο		Cannor	n firing demonstrations	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
0		Creek H	Hunting Camp demonstrations	Ο	Ο	0	Ο	Ο
0		Creek S	Stomp Dance demonstrations	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
Ο		Fire dep	partment snack stand	Ο	Ο	0	Ο	Ο
0		Military	camp demonstrations	Ο	Ο	0	0	Ο
0	Military drilling O O				Ο	0	0	Ο
d))		ong did you and your personal g activities?	group s	pend at	tending a	ll specia	ıl
			Hours and Minutes					
e))		ared to what you and your person feel during the anniversary we	_		pected, ho	w crowo	ded
		Ο	Less crowded than expected					
		Ο	About what was expected					
		Ο	More crowded than expected					
		Ο	Did not have any expectation					
ar w	Horseshoe Bend NMP is in the process of preparing for the bicentennial anniversary of the War of 1812 and Creek Indian War. In your opinion, what would be the most appropriate way to commemorate these events at Horseshoe Bend NMP? Please mark (•) one.							
C)		a separate event (not in conjunc			ent weeke	nd	
C)		nniversary of the Horseshoe Be a weeklong event (in conjunctio		,	weekend	anniver	sary of
		th	e Horseshoe Bend battle)					J
C)		an event in a series of War of 18 arks such as Fort Toulouse, For					
C)	Dor	Don't know/no opinion					

Other (Please specify)

- 13. a) Please mark (●) **all** of the visitor services and facilities that you or your personal group **used** at Horseshoe Bend NMP during this visit.
 - b) Next, for only those services and facilities that you or your personal group **used**, please rate their importance to your visit from 1-5.
 - c) Finally, for only those services and facilities that you or your personal group **used**, please rate their quality from 1-5.

		b) If used, how important? 1=Not important 2=Somewhat important	c) If used, what quality? 1=Very poor 2=Poor
a) Visitor Mark (●)	services/facilities used?	3=Moderately important 4=Very important 5=Extremely important	3=Average 4=Good 5=Very good
Ο	Assistance from park staff		
Ο	Boat ramp		
Ο	Junior Ranger program		
Ο	Living history/costumed interpretati	on	
Ο	Outdoor exhibits		
Ο	Park brochure/map		
Ο	Park orientation film		
Ο	Park website: www.nps.gov/hobe/ (used before or during visit)		
Ο	Picnic area		
Ο	Ranger-led programs		
Ο	Restrooms		
Ο	Trails		
Ο	Visitor center exhibits		
0	Visitor center bookstore sales items (selection, price, quality, etc.)	<u> </u>	

d) What items or materials would you and your group like to have available in the

visitor center bookstore?

baseballs, etc.

re	verall, how would to creational opportuorseshoe Bend Ni	nities provided	to you and you	ır person	al group at	and
Ve	ery poor Poo	or A	verage	Good	Very	good
() ()	0	Ο	C	
15. a)	There are other of are not under Na such as Emuckfa (part of a state h these sites as his	itional Park Sei aw. Others are istoric site). In v	vice nor Alaba in need of repayour opinion, he	ma State air, such a ow impor	Park manaç as Fort Toulo	gement, ouse
		ewhat Mo rtant im	derately portant	Very importan	Extre impo	•
() ()	Ο	0	C)
b)	In your opinion, v	who should ma	nage these site	es? Pleas	e mark (●) c	one.
(O Alabama	State Parks				
(O National F	ark Service				
(Don't kno	w/no opinion				
(Other (Ple	ease specify) _				
	ase rate how app nd NMP. Please n				are at Horse	eshoe
Activity	/	Very inappropriate	Somewhat inappropriate	No opinion	Somewhat appropriate	Very appropriate
Biking	off road	Ο	0	0	Ο	0
Canoe	ing	Ο	Ο	0	Ο	Ο
Gathe	ring berries	Ο	0	0	Ο	0
	g for arrowheads cts (metal detecting)	()	Ο	Ο	0	0
Motorb	ooating	0	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο
	g cars along the rear shows	oad O	0	0	Ο	0
	ing footballs, frisb	ees, O	0	0	0	0

17. It is the National Park Service's responsibility to protect Horseshoe Bend NMP's natural and cultural resources/attributes and visitor experiences that depend on them. How important is the protection of the following to you and your personal group? Please mark (•) one answer for each resource/attribute/experience.

Re	sou	urce/attribute/experience	Not important	Somewhat important	Moderately important	•	Extremely important
Archeological & historical sites			0	0	0	0	0
Clean air			0	0	0	0	0
Clean water			0	0	0	0	0
Na	tive	plants	0	0	0	0	0
Na	tura	al quiet/sounds of nature	0	0	0	Ο	0
Sc	enic	c views	0	0	0	Ο	0
Wi	ldlif	e & birds	0	0	0	0	0
18.		this visit, were you and youps?	our person	al group pa	art of the fol	llowing typ	oes of
	a)	Commercial guided tour gr	oup	0	Yes	Ο	No
	b)	School/educational group		0	Yes	0	No
	c) (Other organized group (sud business group, scout gro		0	Yes	0	No
19.		this visit, what kind of persoup) were you with? Please	_		ed tour/sch	nool/other	organized
	0	Alone		0	Friends		
	Ο	Family		0	Family an	d friends	
	Ο	Other (Please specify)					
20.	a)	On this visit, how many per yourself?	eople were	e in your pe	rsonal grou	ıp, includi	ng
	-	Number of people					
	b)	On this visit, how many veenter the park?	ehicles did	you and yo	our persona	al group u	se to
		Number of vehicle	S				

	c)			es did you and you ng your stay in the		
	·	Nu	mber of entries			
21.			rour personal grou he answer, leave		ase pr	ovide the following. If you
_			a) Current age	b) U.S. ZIP code name of count other than U.S	ry	c) Number of visits to Horseshoe Bend NMP fetime (including this visit)
	Yo	ourself			_	
	Мє	ember #2			_	
	Ме	ember #3			_	
	Me	ember #4			_	
	Me	ember #5			_	
	Мє	ember #6			_	
	Ме	ember #7			_	
22.	a)			nal group have a p ate in park activiti		al condition that made it services?
	0	Yes	0	No → Go to G	Questic	on 23
	b)	If YES, wh	at services or act	ivities were difficu	lt to ac	cess/participate in?
23.	a					which of the following lease mark (●) all that
	0	Addition	nal hiking trails		Ο	Horseback riding trails
	0	Reconst	truction of Tohope	eka Village	Ο	Camping facilities
	0	Reconst	truction of historic	barricade across	the Ho	orseshoe Bend
24.	a)	•	ou and your pers Bend NMP?	onal group like m e	ost ab	out your visit to
	·					

14		Horseshoe Bend National Military Park Visitor Study				
		What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Horseshoe Bend NMP?				
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25.	per	ou were to visit Horseshoe Bend NMP in the sonal group prefer to learn about cultural asseshoe Bend NMP? Please mark (•) all the	nd natura	al history/features of		
	0	Not interested in learning about the pa	ırk → G	o to Question 26		
	0	Indoor exhibits	Ο	Outdoor exhibits		
	0	Park website: www.nps.gov/hobe	Ο	Self-guided tours		
	0	Volunteer opportunities	Ο	Special events		
	0	Audiovisual programs (DVD, video, or	movie)			
	0	Electronic media/devices available to MP3, Windows Media™, etc.)	visitors (d	downloadable podcasts,		
	0	Interactive computer programs tours				
	Ο	Living history/costumed interpretive pr	ograms			
	0	Printed materials (brochures, books, n	naps, etc	.)		
	0	Other (Please specify)				
26.	,	If you were to visit Horseshoe Bend NMP i group be likely to participate in a children's				
	0	Yes, likely				
	Ο	No, not likely, we don't have/won't be	traveling	with children		
	0	No, we have children, but are not inter	ested			
	0	Not sure				
	,	Which of the following programs would you available at Horseshoe Bend NMP? These one day or less. Please mark (●) all that a	progran	•		
	0	Junior Ranger program	0	History camp		
	0	Living history demonstration/play	Ο	Nature camp		

27.	If you were a manager planning for the future of Horseshoe Bend NMP, what would you propose? Please be specific.						
28.	a) If you were to visit Horseshoe Bend NMP in the future, what information on the park website (http://www.nps.gov/hobe) would you and your group like to have available? Please mark (●) all that apply in column (a).						
	Ο	Not interested in using the website → Go to part b					
	b) In your opinion, what information on the park website needs enhancement? Please mark (●) all that apply in column (b).						
	Ο	Did not use park website/no opinion → Go to Question 29					
	a) Available on next visit (●) b) Needs enhancement (●)						
	Ο	Family history research		Ο			
	0	Information about how to communicate with the	park	Ο			
	0	Information about volunteer opportunities in the	park	0			
	0	Information to plan visit (directions, operating hofees, things to do etc.)	ours,	0			
	Ο	Links to other War of 1812 parks		Ο			
	0	Schedule of special events		0			
	0	Other (Please specify below)		0			
Ava	vailable Enhancement						
29.	9. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us abou your visit to Horseshoe Bend NMP?						

Thank you for your help! Please seal the questionnaire with the stickers provided and drop it in any U.S. mailbox.

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